

# ***Mary Jo Brown Foundation Quarterly Newsletter***



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## ***Disney Trip Award Spreads Big Smiles***

The Mary Jo Brown Foundation is proud to announce our Disney Trip Winner is Mia Shinney and the Shinney Family from Wakefield, MA!

The Shinneys will enjoy a 5-night all-expense paid trip to Disney World in Orlando, FL, including round-trip air, at the beautiful Disney Port Orleans Riverside Resort with 4-day park hopper and water park fun passes, and dining plan with Magical express transportation.



*From left to right: Front row: Emma and Mia Shinney  
Back row: Tom Brown, Christina Brown, Laura Murphy-Eagles, Marybeth Shinney, Carol Farwell and Sharon Macone*

Such a special kid, Mia got not just ONE nomination, but THREE!

Mia's Mom, Marybeth Shinney, had this to say, "I have yet to meet anyone as brave as our little girl."  
"Mia is a shining example of perseverance and strength."

"I hope you have the chance to meet her someday to see what an inspiration she is".

Mia's Mom, Marybeth helped coordinate the surprise in the playroom at the Floating Hospital in Boston, where Mia and sister Emma were delivering huge bags of toys for the kids being treated there.

Laura Murphy-Eagles wrote, "Mia continuing to keep her kind, caring ways was truly a testament to both Mia and her loving, devoted parents. Even when feeling sick, Mia was always concerned about her little sister, Emma, at home, and the other kids on the unit, especially the babies. Her kindness continues as she has collected and delivered toys to the Hem/Onc children for the last two years at Christmas time. Her family has also been very generous in giving back through the Cycle for Life event. Her dad rides with family and coworkers for Team Mia."

Finally, Carol Farwell had this to say, "Mia is a beautiful little girl, inside and out that really lives by 'spreading smiles through acts of kindness'".

How very appropriate, since this is the motto here at the Mary Jo Brown Foundation.

We are happy to report that this month marks three years that Mia has remained symptom free after her courageous battle!

It was a privilege to meet the amazing Mia and her fabulous sister, Emma.

The Mary Jo Brown Foundation could not have asked for a better candidate to award our first ever trip to Disney World!

Just in the short time we got to spend in the company of these two lovely young ladies and their beautiful Mom brought many smiles to our faces!

### Shout Out

Big thanks to Nancy Regan from Beachbound Travel for helping us to make arrangements for the Shinney Family's trip to Walt Disney World. Give Nancy a call for any of your travel needs at 978-578-8800 or email Nancy@beachboundtravel.com

### Holiday Giving

This Holiday season the Mary Jo Brown Foundation opened its arms to care for two remarkable families. Your generous contributions were put to work to fill our "sleigh" with festively wrapped packages of clothing and toys, jam-packed stockings to hang by the chimney with care, as well as grocery gift cards. The Foundation helped to assure that everyone in these families had gifts to open and a special meal to share. Our hearts were warmed to know that these Dads were able to see bright smiles on their children's faces as the elves from the Mary Jo Brown Foundation gave them all a holiday to remember.

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BLANKETS/THROWS	0.0%	59.99	19.99
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MENS KNITS	0.0%	50.00	11.25
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Goldstar			
BLANKETS/THROWS	0.0%	59.99	19.99
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GIRLS 7-16 TOPS	0.0%	20.00	3.00
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Goldstar			
SEAS SPORTS TOYS	0.0%	29.99	17.99
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LADIES SLIPPERS	0.0%	26.00	12.99
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*Pictured Top right: Your eyes are not deceiving you...over 70% saved for a total savings of \$1332.97! Bottom left: Back to Kohl's the next day with Kohl's Cash earned and saved another \$210.02 - over 95% of that purchase. The folks at the Mary Jo Brown Foundation are serious about stretching your generously donated dollars! Center: Foundation elves busily wrapped packages and stuffed stockings. Bottom right: A packed sleigh ready to spread some smiles!*

## *Mary Jo Brown Foundation - Spreading Smiles through Acts of Kindness*

### **More Fun Events Brought smiles to the Inpatient Pediatric Patients at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center**

Our December 21st “spreading smiles” event was a great success! The Foundation hosted Giant Gingerbread Cookie decorating in the playroom at the Floating.

January brought back the ice cream social complete with make-your-own Sundae bar and an assortment of ice cream flavors and toppings.

Goody bags were prepared and delivered in time for Valentine’s Day in February.

These events are just some of the great things you are supporting with your generous donations!



*An edible work of art created by one of the Inpatient Pediatric Patients at the Floating Hospital*

### *Upcoming Events*

## **HARBOR & 2013 WALK & RUN**

### **Please Join Us!**

Tufts Medical Center & The Floating Hospital for Children’s 11th Annual Harbor Walk & Run will be held on Sunday, June 9 at Carson Beach in South Boston.

Mary Jo’s Smile Squad will once again be participating in this event to benefit The Mary Jo Brown Smile Fund at the Medical Center. The fund was established in Mary Jo’s honor to support Child Life Services at the Floating Hospital.

Last year, Mary Jo’s Smile Squad included almost 100 team members and raised just under \$25,000!

We hope to welcome back all of last year’s team members as well as any new friends who would like to join us for this fun, family friendly event. All are welcome!

More details will be available on our website in the coming weeks or please visit <http://www.harborwalkrun.org> to join Mary Jo’s Smile Squad.

### **Save the Date**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indoor Luau is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 20. Stay tuned for more information in our June newsletter and online at our website.

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